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in exchange for economic assistance. If any such attempts were made, they were sponsored by political groups in exile or by the Vatican through Catholic circles. Tito's unwarranted threats have aroused the ire of all non-Communist circles in the country.

6. Non-Communists found it most difficult to accept that part of Tito's speech in which he stated that American leaders confirmed his conviction that a strong, consolidated, socialist Yugoslavia renders greater service to Western interests than the listless Yugoslavia which existed before the war. These words have made the people more despondent than ever and, according to these circles, they will never be willing to accept the Communist regime.
7. The people are opposed to Bolshevik Russia and Tito, and they favor the Western democracies, especially the United States. They look to the United States, however, to free them from the Communist regime and not to strengthen it which, they feel, has been the result of the entire American political effort recently. The Yugoslav people feel that America is a contributing factor in prolonging the existence of Tito's regime, and they are disheartened and confused by this turn of events.

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